

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all previous version or listing of the claims:

1. (currently amended) A spinning top comprising a unitary one-piece body and a stem, the stem being movable between a first position in which the stem lies substantially parallel to the body and a second position in which the stem extends through an opening formed in the body, in a direction generally perpendicular to the body, wherein the body defines an outer perimeter that is substantially continuous.
2. (currently amended) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the opening through which the stem extends in the second position [[Is]] is provided generally through the center ~~of mass~~ of the body.
3. (currently amended) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the stem ~~as carried~~ is received in a recess on the body when in the first position.
- 4 (previously presented) A spinning top according Claim 1, wherein the stem is at least partially received within the body in the first position.
5. (Original) A spinning top according to Claim 4, wherein the stem is entirely received within the body in the first position.
6. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the stem can be moved back to the first position after use.

7. **(currently amended)** A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the stem is separable from the body[[],].
8. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the stem has arms protruding from its sides.
9. (previously presented) A spinning top according Claim 1, wherein the stem is pivotally mounted on the body and the opening is sized so as to allow the stem to move therethrough when moving between the first and second positions.
10. (Original) A spinning top according to Claim 9, wherein a pivot pin is provided on the stem and is received in recesses formed in the body.
11. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 9, wherein two pivot pins are provided, each in the form of a bridge connected at one end to the body and at the other end to the stem.
12. **(currently amended)** A spinning top according to Claim 1, further comprising [[art]] an outer element formed with a hole generally in its center, which is removeably mounted on either the top or bottom of the body.
13. (Original) A spinning top according to Claim 12, whereby two outer elements are provided, one of which is mounted on the top of the body, the other of which is mounted on the bottom of the body.

14. (Currently Amended) A spinning top according to Claim 12 or ~~Claim 13~~ wherein the outer element is in the shape of a circular disk.

15. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 12, wherein the outer element extends over the majority of the top or bottom of the body.

16. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 12, wherein the body is provided with a lip or flange in which an edge of the outer element may be received.

17. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 12, wherein the outer element is formed from a resilient material.

18. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the stem or the pivot pins are formed with one or more latch portions which engage the body when the stem is in the second position.

19. (Original) A spinning top according to Claim 18, wherein the latch portions formed on the stem or the pivot pins engage one or more corresponding latch portions formed on the body when the stem is in the second position.

20. (**currently amended**) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the profile of the stem varies along the length of the ~~stem~~ stem.

21. (Original) A spinning top according to Claim 20, wherein the stem is provided with a portion of larger cross-sectional area approximately half way along its length.

22. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 20, wherein the stem has a circular profile.

23. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 20, wherein the stem has a non-circular profile.

24. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the stem is provided with a rounded, pyramidal or other pointed tip.

25. (canceled).

26. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the stem is formed with a handle portion.

27. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the body is a substantially planar circular disk.

28. (canceled).

29. (new) A spinning top, comprising of:

a body and a stem, the stem being movable between a first position in which the stem lies substantially parallel to the body and a second position in which the stem extends through an opening formed in the body, in a direction generally perpendicular to the body;

a first latch member extending from the stem; and

a second latch member extending from the body, the first and second latch members being engageable to prevent rotation of the stem with respect to the body.

30. (new) A spinning top according to claim 29, wherein the first latch is a tab extending from the stem and the second latch is a tab extending from the body, the first and second tabs abutting one another.

31. (new) A spinning top according to claim 29, wherein the body is a unitary one piece member having a substantially continuous outer perimeter.

32. (new) A spinning top according to claim 29, wherein the stem includes at least one transverse arm portion.

33. (new) A spinning top according to claim 32, wherein the body includes first and second recesses, the first recess receiving the stem and the second recess receiving the arm portion.